

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) -
2008 School Construction Priority

ITEM NO: 3

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MEETING: July 19, 2006
July 11, 2006
ACTION DATE: July 19, 2006
INFORMATION ONLY:

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board delineate construction priority for those new schools (ES2008 and MS2008) scheduled to open in the fall of 2008.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ The approved 2007-2012 Stafford County Schools CIP delineates the need for two schools to be constructed and open in the fall of 2008; ES2008 and MS2008.
- ◆ The 2008 middle school will relieve overcrowding in the northern part of the county and specifically SMS and RTMS. The 2008 elementary school will relieve overcrowding in the southwestern portion of the county and specifically HES and RRES.
- ◆ Sites have been selected for both schools; ES2008 – Melcher's; MS2008 – Proffered site off of Telegraph Road.
- ◆ The design process on the middle school has been completed and the project was advertised for bid in March 2006. Bids were opened in May and the low bidder was found to be responsible and responsive. Construction funding for this school was included within the spring borrow. The award of contract is awaiting School Board action.
- ◆ The design process on the elementary school is well underway. Should the project move forward under the present timeline, it is anticipated that it will be advertised for bid in February 2007.
- ◆ County staff has established affordability criteria designed to guide the overall development of the County's CIP. These guidelines prescribe an annual debt service limit and in turn require county and school CIP projects to conform to an annual debt ceiling.
- ◆ At their July 11, 2006 School Board Meeting, the School Board elected not to award the contract to construct Middle School 2008 contingent upon clear and unequivocal approval of the Board of Supervisors. The School Board asked that a letter be drafted to the Board of Supervisors soliciting their clear direction.
- ◆ Chairman Sullivan drafted a letter to the Board of Supervisors and along with staff delivered the letter to the Board of Supervisors during a work session held on July 13, 2006. It was indicated that clear direction regarding 2008 school construction projects would be given at the Board of Supervisors' next regularly scheduled meeting on July 18, 2006.
- ◆ This agenda item anticipated direction from the Board of Supervisors to continue the design and/or construction of one or both schools scheduled to open in the fall of 2008. Should only one school be approved for opening in 2008, the School Board will need to document the school to be given priority.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #5 – Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

#7 - Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

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AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Stafford County School Board Policy 4-12
February 2006 Stafford County School Board Policy 4-29
FY-06-11 & FY07-12 CIP